Transformation, War and Training Technology

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Current and Future Challenges

- Complex Missions (Joint Urban Operations, Joint Close Air Support)
- Complex Organizations (Joint Task Forces, Coalitions)
- New Methods of War (Information Attack/Denial, Robotics, Sensor to Shooter)
- Asymmetric Threats
- Proliferation of Commercial Off-the-Shelf Tech
- Complex Weapons Systems and Ammunition
- OPTEMPO
- Lack of Spectrum and Space
- Rapid Technological and Social Change





Proof of Training Transformation Since 1991: OIF 2003

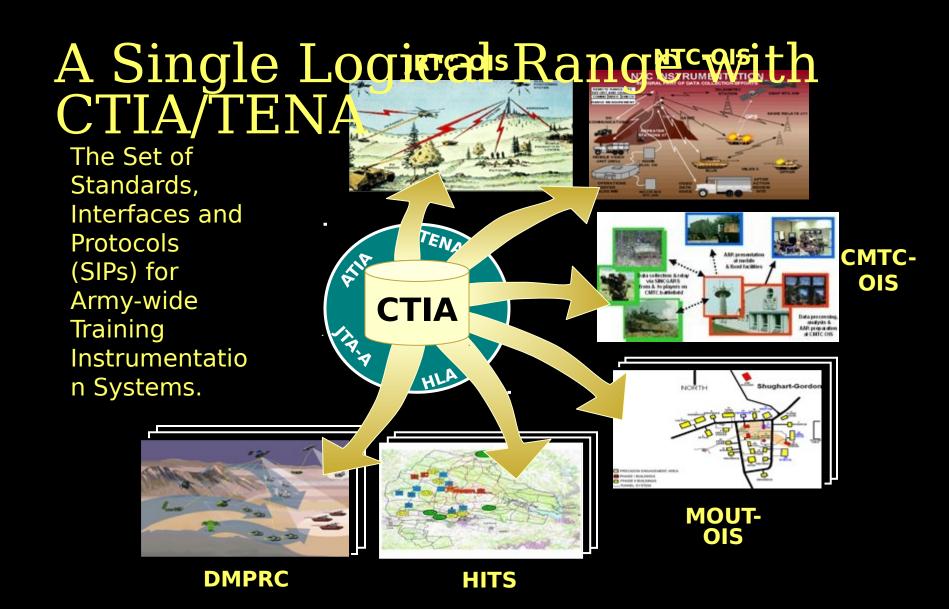
- OIF 2003 All armored forces trained on CATT prior to deployment (24/7 operation)
- All field artillery soldiers trained on FSCATT
- All maneuver units had trained at NTC
- All light forces (including Special Ops) trained at Joint Readiness Training Center
- Training with MILES, Mobile MOUT, and Engagement Skills Trainer in theater
- All major operations wargamed from BN to Theater level

Some Technology Themes

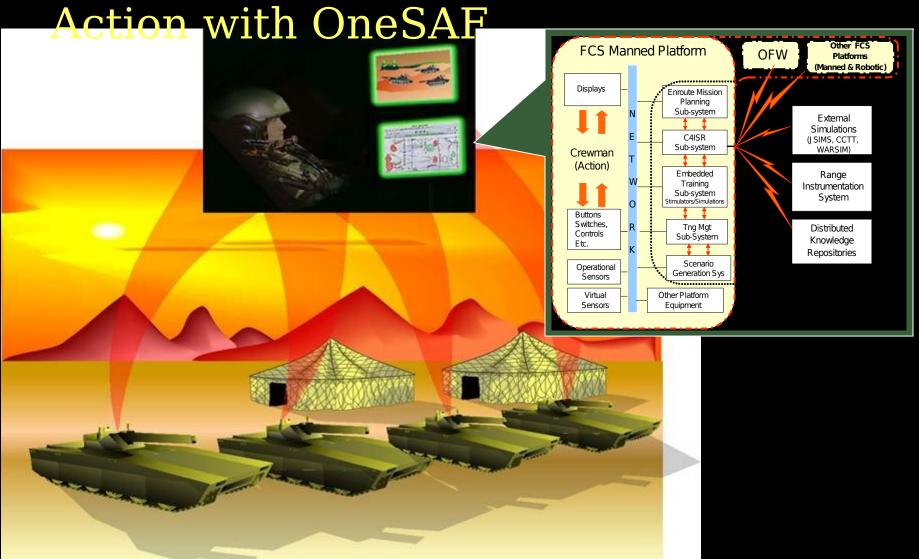
- OneSAF, OneTESS, CTIA in potential new applications (e.g. OneSAF with game-like frontends)
- Exploitation of commercial Graphics Processing Units (GPU's) for non-graphics applications
- Smaller, cheaper, better
 - Low-power microprocessors (e.g. ARM)
 - Ubiquitous wireless (802.11)
 - Embedded GPS
 - Solid state storage (e.g. GB Flash)
- Real-time simulation database generation
- Exploitation of commercial entertainment technology for rapid TTP development and training

We Have Been Exploiting Commercial Technology

- Primarily Intel/AMD -- based sim platforms (e.g. AVCATT, CCTT, ACTF, OneSAF)
- Converting to all PC Graphics (CCTT, AVCATT, EST 2000, COFT upgrade)
- First Console Application Full Spectrum Warrior from ICT and Pandemic Studios (published by THQ)
 - Number 1 Xbox game on Amazon
- Computer Games -- OneSAF and There, Inc Massive Multiplayer Game environment
 - In alpha testing with National Guard
- Commercial languages, development tools, and API's-- Java, C++, XML, OpenGL, DirectX
- Commercial and Open-source Linux, Windows XP



Live, Virtual and Collective Simulation and Mission Rehearsal for the Unit of



OneSAF Embedded Simulation within C2 Systems



Real-time Computational Challenges for Computer

Need to project the Forces (CGF) real-time terrain reasoning

real-time terrain reasoning for Computer Generated Forces given:

- Extremely dense terrain databases (e.g. Baku, NYC, Baghdad)
- Thousand of simulated entities (size of Army Unit of Action)
- Simulation of long-range and novel sensors
- Must fit on Future Combat System platforms (no Beowulf clusters allowed)



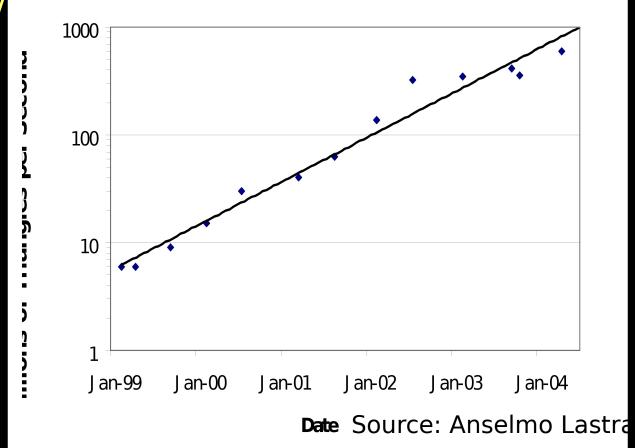
Bottomline: <u>Traditional</u> CPU architecture and Moore's law are not enough to achieve capability in this decade.

Real-time Terrain Algorithms for Computer

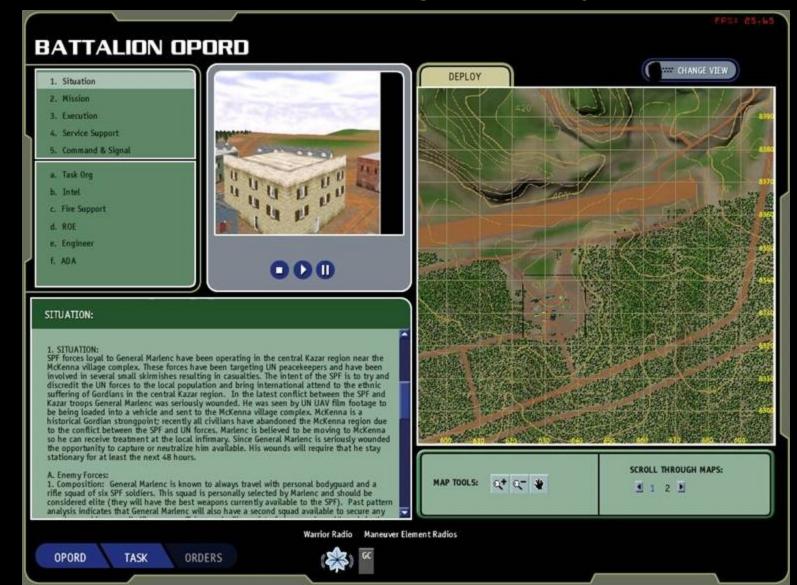
- Best garttem Fare (\$12) where N = objects/entities in the CGF database (e.g., sensors, platforms, buildings, people)
- 40% to 80% of CGF CPU time is required for battalion-level scenarios spent in sensing functions:
 - Collision detection
 - Line of sight computation

Why GPU/Streaming?
Because performance is moving faster than Moore's

Law



Full Spectrum Command: PC Game from Quicksilver/ICT Teaching Infantry Officers



Full Spectrum Warrior: Game Consoles for Squad Leaders

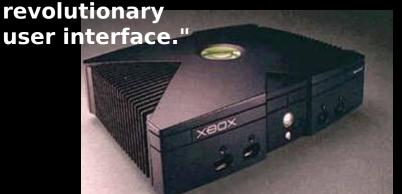




Best Original Game and Best Simulation at E3.

"A dark horse, a sleeper hit, a hidden gem. But we will settle for saying that this military simulation game was the best original title at E3."

"Apart from Full Spectrum Warrior's amazing visual and aural presentation, the two standout elements in the game are its context sensitive AI (which in this case could stand for "Actually Intelligent") and its



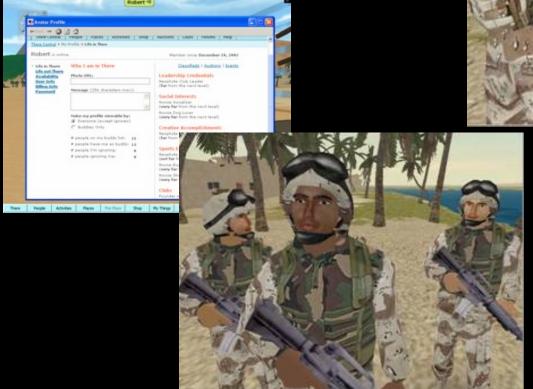
Massive Multiplayer

Environments

Collaborative environment with over 100,000 participants

Project at STTC

Social organization







Anywhere





U.S. Army Ssgt. Brad Carpenter of Opelika, Al., from the 4th Infantry Division surfs the Web at a newly opened internet cafe in Tikrit, about 110 miles (180 kilometers) northwest of Baghdad, Iraq





Wrap-up

- Growing need for new training technology
- Solutions to support GWOT
- Commercial world offers new opportunities
- Applications to Homeland Security
- Work with us to find the warfighter with a need